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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following amendment to the application.

Amendments to the Specification (none)

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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